

REMARKS

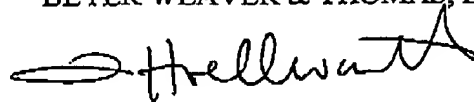
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 74 under 35 USC 102.

Claims 1, 72 and 74 have been cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of this case. Although they have been cancelled, it should be noted that the Applicant still believes that these claims should be allowed for the reasons indicated in the previous response, and that the Applicant reserves the right to go after these claims in a continuing application.

Applicant believes that all pending claims (5-9, 12-16, 18-22, 24-31, 58 and 63-71, and 73) are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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